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these transfers. Transfers should therefore not be regarded as normal and will generally be made only if an officer has abused his position. It has to be borne in mind that Government will not keep any officer in one place who takes advantage of his position and his relations with the people to obtain illegitimate benefits for himself or to satisfy his sentiments of hostility to some or of excessive friendliness to others. Otherwise, the policy of the Government is — it is a definite departure from what has been happening in the past — that officers be kept in their places as long as it is in public interests not to change them.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether these officers mentioned in the list are persons against whom there was absolutely no complaint by the people in the places?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Some of these officers are persons against whom there were no complaints. In some cases not only were there no complaints but, some of them have earned very good reputation in their stations and the Public have testified to their popularity.

Recruitment to the State Transport Department.

416. ***MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement according to caste of the persons recruited in the State Transport Department since Makaram last as (*a*) conductors,

(*b*) Inspectors, and

(*c*) Drivers?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The member is referred to the answer at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII No. 3 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

Abolition of toddy shops.

417. ***MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of toddy shops abolished during the years 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113 and 1114 M. E. respectively?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:

Year.	No. of toddy shops abolished.
1110.	22.
1111.	Nil.
1112.	31.
1113.	2.
1114.	2.

Representations from toddy shop contractors in Parur taluk.

418. ***MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from toddy shop contractors in Parur taluk for remission of kist for the year 1115; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken regarding the matter?

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